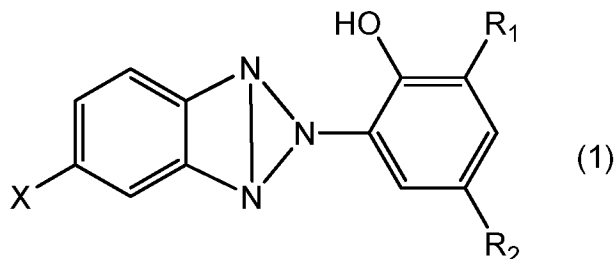


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A patch comprising a polyester backing, of which ultraviolet transmittance is not more than 2.0% 1.5% under the condition of 3.0 mW/cm² of ultraviolet intensity, and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one surface of the backing and containing a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) wherein the backing contains a hydroxyphenylbenzotriazole derivative represented by the general formula(1):



wherein R₁ and R₂ are each independently C₁₋₄ alkyl; and X is chlorine, and wherein the weight of the backing is 100g/m² - 130g/m².

2. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the backing further contains titanium oxide.

3. - 4. (Canceled)

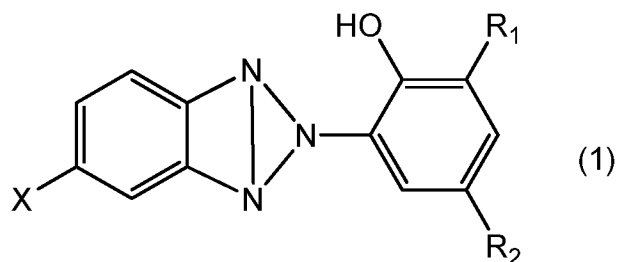
5. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) is ketoprofen.

6. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer consists of a styrene-isoprene-styrene block polymer and/or polyisobutylene.

7. (Previously presented) The patch according to claim 1, wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer contains no ultraviolet absorbent.

8. (New) The patch according to claim 1, wherein at least 98.7% of the drug remains after an 8-hour irradiation at an ultraviolet dose of about 10000 mJ/m² per hour.

9. (New) A method to retain at least 98.7% of drug in a patch containing a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) after an 8-hour irradiation at an ultraviolet dose of about 10000 mJ/m² per hour, said method comprising adding to the patch a hydroxyphenylbenzotriazole derivative represented by the general formula (1):



wherein R₁ and R₂ are each independently C₁₋₄ alkyl; and X is chlorine.